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# What is claimed is:

- 1. In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk
   2 stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said
- 3 second disk.

2. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of glass or glass-ceramic.

- 3. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder spaces said first disk from said second disk.
- 4. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is comprised of an inorganic material.
- 5. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.
- 6. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium
- 4 oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

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- 7. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is a mineral
- 2 powder.
- 8. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder has a size of about
- 2 200 mesh.
  - 9. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk is spaced apart
- 2 from said second disk by only said powder.
- 1 10. A method of preparing a disk, comprising:
- 2 providing at least a first disk and a second disk;
- 3 stacking the first disk on the second disk; and
- 4 providing a powder between a surface of the first disk and a surface of the
- 5 second disk.
- 1 11. The method recited in claim 10, wherein said providing a powder utilizes
- 2 the powder to space the surface of the first disk from the surface of the second disk.
- 1 12. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk
- 2 from the second disk utilizing the powder as a separation aid.

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1	13. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk
2	from the second disk, and polishing the surface of the first disk and the surface of the
3	second disk using a slurry, the powder being selected so as to not affect a pH of the
4	slurry.

- 1 14. The method recited in claim 13, wherein said polishing at least partially
  2 removes the powder from the surface of the first disk and from the surface of the
  3 second disk.
- 1 15. The method recited in claim 14, wherein said polishing includes dispersing
  2 the powder in the slurry to remove the powder from the surface of the first disk and
  3 from the surface of the second disk.
  - 16. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising transporting the first disk and the second disk; and using the powder to protect the first disk and the second disk during said transporting.
- 1 17. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the first disk and the second disk 2 are each comprised of glass.
- 1 18. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder comprises an 2 inorganic powder.

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- 1 19. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder is comprised of
- 1 20. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising selecting the powder
- 2 from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate,
- calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide,
  - 4 magnesium phosphate, and clay.